

# Hartman Creek State Park

## Naturalist/Interpretive Program Schedule

### June 2014

#### **Thursday, June 5 @ 10am – Take a Hike**

Join Park Naturalist Kara for a 1 mile hike around Hartman Lake. Learn about some of the invasive plants that threaten our park and how to tell the difference between them and native plant species.

\*meet at the Hartman Lake picnic parking area\*

#### **Saturday, June 7, 10am-2pm – Learn to Fish**

Get hooked on fishing during Wisconsin's free fishing weekend. Fishing equipment will be provided along with fun activities such as casting games, fish identification, and t-shirt making.

\*Located near the Allen Lake fishing pier\*

#### **Saturday, June 7, noon-4pm – Hellestad House**

Come join us in celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Hellestad House, which has served as a home for family and farm animals, an antique cabin, and now as the park's nature center, classroom, and meeting place. Hear a Friends of Hartman Creek State Park member play the mountain dulcimer as you enjoy Norwegian style snack and listen to memories of the Hellestad family and their home.

\*Located at the Hellestad House by Allen Lake\*

#### **Thursday, June 12 @ 2pm – Bird Food**

Take a look at the variety of birds found in the area and what they eat, then make your own feeder.

\*Located at the Allen Lake Shelter\*

#### **Friday, June 13 @ 2pm – Birds of Prey**

In honor of American Bald Eagle Day come learn all about eagles and other birds of prey that call Wisconsin home.

\*located at the Hellestad Home\*

#### **Saturday June 14, 2-4pm – Color Crazy**

Wildlife exists in many colors. Join Park Naturalist Kara as she explores some of the reasons why animals are the color they are, and then make your own colorful animal to take home!

\*Located at the Hartman Beach Concessions Stand\*

#### **Saturday, June 14 @ 7pm – Animal Tracks**

Join Park Naturalist Kara as she discusses tips for identifying animal tracks. At the end of the evening, surprise friends and family with your own plaster cast of a track or print. Feel free to participate in a walk in search of these prints as your cast dries, or take it home with you.

\*Located at the Amphitheater\*

#### **Thursday, June 19, 1-3pm – Seeing is Believing**

Vision is just one of the many ways animals have adapted to their environment, and different animals have different types of vision to suit their needs. Drop by the naturalist table to learn about and experience how animals use their sense of sight.

\*Located outside the Hellestad House\*

#### **Friday, June 20, 1-3pm – Terrific Trees**

Drop by the naturalist table and learn more about the trees of Wisconsin. Test your knowledge, and create your own art with leaf rubbings.

\*Located outside of the Hellestad House\*

#### **Thursday, June 26 @ 10am – Take a Hike**

Join park naturalist Kara for a nature hike as she explores the plants of the prairie.

\*Meet at the ball field parking lot\*

#### **Saturday, June 28, 2-4pm – Adaption Artistry**

Birds have a variety of adaptations to better suit their environment. Join Park Naturalist and learn why pelicans have a pouch-shaped bill, why eagles have muscular legs, why owls change color, and more! Then create your very own original bird with the adaptations of your choosing.

\*Located at the Hartman Beach Concessions Stand\*

#### **Saturday, June 28 @ 7pm – Animal Olympics**

Animals perform amazing feats of Olympic proportions! Can you jump as far as a grasshopper? Or hold your breath as long as a turtle? Or flap your arms as fast as a hummingbird? Join Park Naturalist Kara in a fun, interactive lesson that tests and compares your skills.

\*Located at the amphitheater\*